



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
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**Wednesday, October 9, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-4866)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,  
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,  
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused:           Commissioner Anne S. Hill and  
Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa, Nyla Jefferson and Jenny Kimbell

Call to Order. (13-4702)

**Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Grills joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the October 2, 2013 Minutes. (13-4739)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, the minutes of October 2, 2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for October 9, 2013. (13-4740)

**Chairperson Montaña announced that she attended the October 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting to be a part of the Supervisors' scrolls presentation to the recipients of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 2013 John Anson Ford Award, who empower communities and institutions, foster harmonious and equitable inter-group relations, engage in non-violent conflict resolution and promote an informed and inclusive multicultural society.**

**Chairperson Montaña also shared the following Articles with the Commissioners:**

### **Daily Breeze:**

- **88-Day Race to 88 Cities (October 6, 2013)**

### **Los Angeles Times:**

- **When the Perp Was Once a Victim (October 7, 2013)**
- **Foster Agency Thrived Despite Lapses (October 7, 2013)**
- **Medi-Cal for Ex-inmates (October 8, 2013)**
- **County Approves Funds for Jail Reforms (October 9, 2013)**

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3. Treasurer's Report for October 9, 2013. (13-4741)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$670.96.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for October 9, 2013. (13-4742)

**Staff reported that agenda item #8 was being prepared in the appropriate format and is not ready for review. The item will be tabled.**

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on October 9, 2013. (13-4744)

### **In Compliance:**

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited St. Anne's Residential Program, Page 38,**

**#1, on October 3, 2013.**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 3, 2013 to October 8, 2013. (13-4746)

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory conditions:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Dream Home Care, Page 13, #2 on October 7, 2013.**
- **On October 7, 2013, Commissioner Burton and Grills inspected Little People World group home located on 704 North Kalsman Avenue, Compton, CA. Overall the inspection was cited as being satisfactory however, the medical cabinet was not doubled locked. The issue of concern was while inspecting the Needs and Services Plans the Commissioners observed that 5 of the 6 male children from the ages of 6-12 were given very serious psychotropic medications several of which were the same medication (similar dosages) from the same doctor. Although a court order was found, there was no clear correlation between the ongoing use of these medications and the behavioral interventions received and observations of the medications effectiveness and ongoing need noted in their NSPs or staff logs. There was no indication of plans to titrate the children off of any of these medications. The Commissioners would like to know, how DCFS and DMH are evaluating their progress and ongoing need for medications.**
- **Commissioners Burton and Grills revisited House of Bethesda, Page 23, #1 on October 8, 2013 and reported that although eight out of ten corrections were made the following corrections are still needed:**
  - **Vehicle seat belts need repair**
  - **Needs and Services Plans are poorly written with non-specific information pertaining to each individual child**

**During the reporting period, the following group home was visited but not inspected:**

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Hillside Home for Children, Page 21, #4, on October 4, 2013 and reported that no one was at home.**

**III. DISCUSSIONS**

7. The review, discussion and follow-up action on the Commission's 2013/2014 goals (Continued from the meeting of September 4, 2013). (13-4129)

Commissioner Burton opened the floor to continue discussions and review of the Commission's 2013/2014 goals. She recommended that the Commission should set a goal to evaluate specific issues every three months for the purpose of compiling data from the group home, juvenile, and/or jail inspections. Commissioner Grills added that the Commission would submit the findings to the appropriate departments, the Board of Supervisors (i.e. health deputies) to recommend system improvements. Commissioner Andrews suggested that he would like the Commission to be more knowledgeable as it relates to mental health and rehabilitation.

The Commission agreed that the following topics will be considered for the quarterly evaluation in 2014:

- Needs and Services Plans
- Use of Medication/Behavior Intervention/Evaluation Process
- Kids' Activities
- Mental and Medical Health at jails/lock-ups
- Rehabilitation

8. Discussion, review and action regarding the report/recommendations that was prepared collaboratively with DCFS and Probation in response to the Audit Committee's request (Continued from the meeting of October 2, 2013). (13-4765)

**This item was tabled to a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-4748)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

##### **Public Comment**

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-4749)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

11. Adjournment for the meeting of October 9, 2013. (13-4750)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of October 9, 2013 at 11:43 a.m.**